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Photos by **Matt Heilman**

In his new role as general manager of Willowbend Golf Club, Jim Elliott is overseeing improvements to the already well-received PGA facility.

Change for the better in store for local golf club

By **Matt Heilman**

Willowbend Golf Club in northeast Wichita is receiving a facelift under new ownership and management.

The club, located along the east edge of Bel Aire, has three owners, who each hold an equal stake in the facility. Former professional golfers and lifelong Wichitans, Rod and Rick Nuckolls shared a 50-50 ownership of Willowbend from 2003 to 2009.

In January, a third partner with local ties entered the picture.

PGA golfer Woody Austin of Derby joined the Nuckolls brothers to take one-third ownership of the club. With Austin's input, the three owners have begun work to improve the facility, which was built in 1986. Rod Nuckolls was the first professional golfer at Willowbend when the course opened.

"It's a very long-term com-



A member of Willowbend Golf Club takes a shot on the practice range in March. The practice facility is one of several areas receiving improvements with new leadership at the club.

mitment from Rick and myself and Woody," Rod Nuckolls said of improving the course.

Willowbend General Manager Jim Elliott began overseeing the "facelift" when he started working at the club in March. Renovation to the clubhouse at Willowbend has been

followed by improvements on the course.

Elliott said the work at Willowbend is a combination of several small projects adding up to a significant improvement to the already well-received facility.

In March, Elliott said crews

were installing new cart paths, improving bunkers, buying new equipment, and renovating the practice facility.

Rod Nuckolls said the goal is to make the practice facility, "top notch."

"I mean, we feel awesome about where we're going with the course," Elliott said.

Elliott indicated his background makes him a fit to guide the day-to-day business of the club.

Prior to taking the general manager role at Willowbend, Elliott managed Cherry Oaks Golf Course in Cheney.

Elliott grew up in Goodland before coming to Wichita State University to play on the Shocker golf team in 1996. He never played golf for a living, but he is a second-generation PGA member.

His father is the owner of Manhattan Country Club, whose membership includes

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Bel Aire considers switch in fire service

Move would free up city taxes

By **Matt Heilman**

As the battle to meet land debt payments continues in Bel Aire, one money-saving option could bring changes to the community's fire protection.

City Manager Ty Lasher confirmed a recent report that the city is looking to shift the fire service from the county to the City of Wichita. Currently, Sedgwick County responds to fires in Bel Aire.

Lasher said Bel Aire has "no hard feelings" toward Sedgwick County. He said the city refinanced on the land debt payments, and is looking for ways to cover expenses.

"Citizens pay about 18 and-a-half mills to the county for fire protection," Lasher said. "If we could get fire protection from Wichita for half of that, the city could bring an additional 10 mills to help fund our debt service."

Bel Aire's land debt includes 800 acres near 53rd North and Greenwich set aside for an industrial park. The city had talks with Sedgwick County about being a partner in the industrial park, but Bel Aire is still left to make the payments on the land.

Lasher said he met with the assistant Wichita Fire chief April 22 to discuss contracting with the Wichita Fire Department. He said Bel Aire and Wichita have been looking at fire calls and going over the stations that have assisted the county in Bel Aire.

There is a Wichita fire station at K-96 and Webb Road.

Bel Aire continues holdout on jail fees

Judge's ruling favors county

By **Matt Heilman**

The cities of Bel Aire, Haysville and Wichita took a hit March 25 when a Sedgwick County District Court judge ruled that the county has the right to charge jail fees to cities.

Joined by Park City and Goddard, the three communities faced a lawsuit from Sedgwick County for refusing to pay the \$2.09 hourly fee to house inmates in the county jail in Wichita on municipal charges.

When the county instituted the fees two years ago, cities pointed out that Sedgwick County was exempt from a 1985 state law that allowed counties to charge fees and have a piece of their property taxes go toward the jail's operation.

Some cities argued the exemption was intentional. Although Sedgwick County hasn't won over the cities that disagreed with the fees, the five-city group in the lawsuit was cut to three by the time a ruling was made March 25.

Park City and Goddard backed out of the fight when they reached a settlement with Sedgwick County earlier this year.

At a Jan. 26 meeting, the Park City Council voted 7-0 to attempt to settle with the county for a fraction of what the city owed. When the settlement was reached, it was agreed that Park City would pay about 26 percent of what it owed, resume paying the fees to the county and be dropped from the lawsuit. At the time of the settlement, Park City attorney Doug Moshier said Park City wouldn't have to pay the remaining 74 percent.

Goddard followed with a settlement in February.

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City finds some relief with land debt payments

By **Matt Heilman**

A solution is in the works for a financial strain on the city of Bel Aire. About eight years ago, the city purchased roughly 2,000 acres of land with industrial, commercial and residential growth in mind.

Bel Aire has grown in the last eight years, but not enough for the risk associated with the land purchase to pay off yet. Initially, Certificates

of Participation (COPs), or leases, were established to pay off the land debt, which is nearly \$19 million, Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher said in a memorandum to Bel Aire citizens.

An 8.5 percent interest rate had the city faced with semi-annual interest payments of \$880,000, the memo states. At a March 18 city council meeting, Bel Aire Mayor Harold Smith discussed the concern. He said he wasn't

sure how the city was going to make the next interest payment, which is due on May 1.

With the 2011 city budget needing finalized in August, the council is trying to reach a conclusion to the difficult chapter as soon as possible.

The land debt concern was addressed in a special city council meeting on March 25. The council discussed numerous options to handle the debt. They voted 5-0 to refinance the debt under a Bel

Aire Public Building Commission (PBC) structure.

The memo from Lasher says "this mechanism reduces the interest by over 2 percent, extends payments to 25 years and makes the annual debt service more manageable."

The Bel Aire PBC consists of one council member, one citizen and the mayor.

The PBC structure refinances the debt without a

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Mayor's
corner

By Harold Smith

Serious financial concern

This month the city made a major decision on the land debt. This became necessary when the May 1 land payment came due and there were not enough funds available to make the interest payment.

We had several options. We could refinance the debt, borrow more money to make the interest payment, raise taxes, cut city services, let the land go back to the bank, and we even looked at giving up the city charter.

The decision was made to refinance and restructure the land debt and in the process borrow an additional amount to make the interest payments to Nov. 1, 2011. This bought us some time but did not really solve the problem. The solution will be in a combination of real estate sales and real estate taxes.

With this refinance we will no longer have the option to stop making payments on the land debt by giving up all of our rights in the land. What this refinance did give us is a better structure for managing the land debt and for putting together an industrial park on the 808 acres east of Webb Road.

Now all of us need to concentrate on how we can increase land sales, reduce city expenses and limit the increase in real estate taxes. The next step is to identify the options we have for doing this. The budget for the next several years will be very interesting.

Etheredge has time to think about his victims

It's over.

And we hope the Wild West World saga ends with Thomas Etheredge's prison sentence.

Etheredge received five years in prison for securities fraud, charges stemming from his fundraising efforts to open the Park City theme park. With time served and good behavior, he could be released in three years.

Hopefully, Etheredge will use the next several months to think about the people he hurt and the seemingly callous way he invoked his faith for financial gain. We're reasonably certain the victims of his crimes will not see much financial restitution. But perhaps what they need most right now is to know that Etheredge has finally seen his errors for what they are.

Etheredge did more than take cash from investors.

He betrayed their trust. That hurt many people, including those close to him and those who went to church with him.

In reality, Etheredge burned all of us. He sold Sedgwick County a pie in the sky, the dream of turning a cow pasture into a theme park. And, unfortunately, we bought it.

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Ms. Wheelchair



Courtesy photos

Bel Aire resident and USD 259 teacher Tiffany Nickel maintains a full-time career with numerous volunteer efforts. In recognition of her work as an advocate for people with physical disabilities, Nickel won the Ms. Wheelchair Kansas competition in March.

Bel Aire teacher recognized for overcoming adversity

By Matt Heilman

Bel Aire's Tiffany Nickel has a full plate in her second life. The 36-year-old is an advocate for people with physical disabilities and fits a variety of public appearances and volunteering efforts with a full-time teaching career.

In September of 1996, Nickel was a middle school science teacher in El Dorado. At a staff party, she went to dive into a backyard pool near the shallow end.

"I intended to dive across the deep end and went straight down," Nickel said. "... It was just stupid. I didn't make it all the way across and went straight down."

The resulting spinal cord injury left her paralyzed from the waist down.

When she came home from the hospital, Nickel spent three months going through therapy at Wesley Rehab Hospital.

After a stretch of negativity, Nickel bounced back to return to teaching in the

fall of 1997. She moved to Bel Aire in 2000 and is currently an inter-related special education teacher at Jackson Elementary School in northeast Wichita.

She said the goal to get back in the classroom drove her through the difficult rehabilitation process.

"I was very angry, I was very depressed, I was very sad, just kind of in that whole 'what on earth is going to happen?'" Nickel said. "But I never questioned my desire to get back in the classroom. I never questioned my ability to be back in the classroom."

She said feeling sorry for herself wasn't going to work if she was going to get back. After going through rehabilitation at Wesley, Nickel went to Craig Institute in Colorado Springs for five weeks.

At Craig Institute, she learned how to live independently, even how to operate a modified car.

Nickel said the program at Craig Institute helped with an immediate transition back to the community, which included social adjustments as well as regaining independence.

She said she met men and wom-



Tiffany Nickel shares time with Girl Scouts when the troop was working on its disability awareness badge.

en in similar situations and learned what was possible to continue with her new life.

"I came home just completely ready to take on the world," Nickel said. "It wasn't easy by any means."

She said her family and friends were available to help her fight through the times when she'd be "mad at the world."

She credits a couple friends for helping her get involved to make the best of her unfortunate situation. One of these friends was an able-bodied man who helped Nickel order her first motorized wheelchair. She was also inspired by a woman of a similar age who had to fight through being a paraplegic, or paralysis from the neck down.

"Both of them were the main reasons for me getting out and beginning life over," Nickel said. "I have a pre-injury life and a post-injury life."

She was invited to take part in events for Wheelchair Sports Inc., a Wichita-based organization for wheelchair mobile participants.

Nickel said she got involved with Wheelchair Sports to become more social with people in wheelchairs.

She said she's taken part in snow skiing, water skiing, hand cycling and horseback riding with Wheelchair Sports. Nickel went from attending events to serving on the organization's board, eventually as president of Wheelchair Sports Inc.

Nickel organizes and markets events hosted by the organization.

One of the Wheelchair Sports events Nickel is trying to promote is the "Day at the Park" set for June 18 at Sedgwick County Park. Nickel described the event as a social gathering for wheelchair users to promote physical activity.

Nickel is also the executive director of the Kansas Disability Coalition. She said the non-profit organization aims to "educate, advocate and litigate businesses that have physical barrier issues, non-compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act."

At Jackson Elementary, Nickel is the coordinator for Circle of Friends, which joins regular education students with students who have special needs.

"I have 75 students involved in that," Nickel said.

The group takes part in monthly activities and field trips. Nickel is also the recycling coordinator at the school.

In March, Nickel was honored in Topeka with the title of Ms. Wheelchair Kansas 2010.

Nickel said Ms. Wheelchair Kansas contacts Wheelchair Sports to find applicants for the state competition.

She said she'd been encouraged to enter the competition before, but considered it a pageant and wasn't interested. However, she changed her mind when she realized the competition was geared more towards advocacy and communication than beauty and talent.

She said the desire to dispel negative stereotypes of wheelchair mobile individuals pushed her to decide to take part in the competition, which was held at the Topeka Capital Plaza Hotel March 12 through 14.

"That was a whirlwind," Nickel said.

She said she was "shocked" when the non-stop activity concluded with the announcement of her as the winner over two fellow candidates. With the title of Ms. Wheelchair Kansas come more responsibilities for Nickel. She is required to attend two events per month, including public appearances and speaking engagements throughout the state.

She is also trying to obtain funding to take part in the Ms. Wheelchair America competition in August in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Soon after being crowned Ms. Wheelchair Kansas, State Rep. Steve Brunk, R-Bel Aire, introduced a resolution to the House recognizing Nickel's accomplishment.

"Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend Tiffany Nickel for being named Ms. Wheelchair Kansas 2010 and exhibiting all the strength and character that serve to make her a wonderful role model, not only for people with disabilities, and those who are wheelchair mobile, but to all Kansans," the resolution says.

City of Bel Aire City of Bel Aire



BEL AIRE, CITY OF Consumer Confidence Report – 2010 Covering Calendar Year – 2009



This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. It is important that customers be aware of the efforts that are made continually improve their water systems. **To learn more about your drinking water, please attend any of the regularly scheduled meetings which are held 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M., City Hall, 7651 East Central Park Ave.** For more information please contact, TY LASHER at 316-744-2451.

Our drinking water is supplied from another water system through a Consecutive Connection (CC). To find out more about our drinking water sources and additional chemical sampling results, please contact our office at the number provided above. Your water comes from 5 Ground Water Wells, surface water we purchase from city of Wichita and ground water we purchase from Chisholm Creek Utility Authority.

Your water is treated to remove several contaminants and a disinfectant is added to protect you against microbial contaminants. The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) required states to develop a Source Water Assessment (SWA) for each public water supply that treats and distributes raw source water in order to identify potential contamination sources. The state has completed an assessment of our source water. For results of the assessment, please contact us or view on-line at: <http://www.kdheks.gov/nps/swap/SWreports.html>

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in sources water before we treat it include: **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, livestock operations and wildlife. **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming. **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users. **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity. **Organic contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which

are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulation which limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system tested a minimum of 7 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public.

Water Quality Data

The following tables list all of the drinking water contaminants which were detected during the 2009 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from the testing done January 1- December 31, 2009. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old. **The bottom line is that the water that is provided to you is safe.**

Terms & Abbreviations

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL): recommended level for a contaminant that is not regulated and has no MCL.
Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.
Treatment Technique (TT): a required process intended to reduce levels of a contaminant in drinking water.
Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
Non-Detects (ND): lab analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.
Parts per Million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
Parts per Billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L): a measure of the radioactivity in water.
Millirems per Year (mrem/yr): measure of radiation absorbed by the body.
Million Fibers per Liter (MFL): a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.
Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person. Turbidity is not regulated for groundwater systems.

Testing Results for: BEL AIRE, CITY OF

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90 th Percentile	Range	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER	2008 - 2010	0.064	0.0025 - 0.13	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing
LEAD	2008 - 2010	3.7	1.1 - 16	ppb	15	1	Corrosion of household plumbing

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

During the 2009 calendar year, we had no violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Some or all of our drinking water is supplied from another water system. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants, which were detected during the 2009 calendar year from the water systems that we purchase drinking water from.

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Water System	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
ARSENIC	4/7/2009	WICHITA, CITY OF	1.4	1.4	ppb	10	0	Erosion of natural deposits
ATRAZINE	5/19/2008	WICHITA, CITY OF	0.33	0.33	ppb	3	3	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
BARIUM	4/7/2009	WICHITA, CITY OF	0.05	0.05	ppm	2	2	Discharge from metal refineries
CHROMIUM	4/9/2009	CHISHOLM CREEK UTILITY AUTHORITY	2.6	2.6	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills
FLUORIDE	4/7/2009	WICHITA, CITY OF	0.33	0.33	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth
NITRATE	4/9/2009	CHISHOLM CREEK UTILITY AUTHORITY	0.7	0.6 - 0.7	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use
SELENIUM	4/9/2009	CHISHOLM CREEK UTILITY AUTHORITY	6.5	6.5	ppb	50	50	Erosion of natural deposits
TURBIDITY	4/24/2007	WICHITA, CITY OF	0.22	0.22	NTU	1		Soil runoff

Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Water System	Highest Value	Range	Unit	SMCL
ALKALINITY, TOTAL	4/7/2009	WICHITA, CITY OF	108	108	MG/L	300
BROMATE	5/5/2009	WICHITA, CITY OF	11	7 - 11	ppb	10
CALCIUM	4/9/2009	CHISHOLM CREEK UTILITY AUTHORITY	37	37	MG/L	200
CHLORIDE	4/7/2009	WICHITA, CITY OF	120	120	MG/L	250
CONDUCTIVITY @ 25 C UMHO/CM	4/7/2009	WICHITA, CITY OF	770	770	UMHO/CM	1500
CORROSIVITY	4/9/2009	CHISHOLM CREEK UTILITY AUTHORITY	0.25	0.25	LANG	0
HARDNESS, TOTAL (AS CaCO3)	4/9/2009	CHISHOLM CREEK UTILITY AUTHORITY	170	170	MG/L	400
MAGNESIUM	4/9/2009	CHISHOLM CREEK UTILITY AUTHORITY	19	19	MG/L	150
MANGANESE	4/7/2009	WICHITA, CITY OF	0.0016	0.0016	MG/L	0.05
NICKEL	4/9/2009	CHISHOLM CREEK UTILITY AUTHORITY	0.0022	0.0022	MG/L	0.1
PH	4/9/2009	CHISHOLM CREEK UTILITY AUTHORITY	8.4	8.4	PH	8.5
PHOSPHORUS, TOTAL	4/7/2009	WICHITA, CITY OF	0.053	0.053	MG/L	5
POTASSIUM	4/7/2009	WICHITA, CITY OF	4.6	4.6	MG/L	100
SILICA	4/9/2009	CHISHOLM CREEK UTILITY AUTHORITY	14	14	MG/L	50
SODIUM	4/7/2009	WICHITA, CITY OF	95	95	MG/L	100
SULFATE	4/9/2009	CHISHOLM CREEK UTILITY AUTHORITY	110	110	MG/L	250
TDS	4/7/2009	WICHITA, CITY OF	420	420	MG/L	500

During the 2009 calendar year, the water systems that we purchase water from had no violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Additional Required Health Effects Language:

Infants and children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4781).

CITY OF BEL AIRE CONTACTS

City Council	
Mayor Harold Smith	744-2650
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Peggy O'Donnell	744-0250
Carolyn Marlier	744-2313
David Austin	744-7188
Dave Sly	204-5574

City Hall	
Ty Lasher, City Administrator	744-2451, ext. 217
Recreation Department	744-2700

Central Park Pool	744-7331
Parks Department	744-8609
Police • Emergency	911
• Non-emergency	744-6000
Animal Control (Sedgwick County)	660-7070
Public Works	744-2888
Water/Sewer Emergency (after 5 p.m.)	761-6972 or 761-6973

Utility Billing	744-2451, ext. 132
Trash (Stutzman)	1-800-230-0383
Hazardous Waste (Sedgwick County)	660-7464

Bel Aire Recreation

Folger's Gymnastics
Boys & girls ages 3+ are being held Tuesday evenings. Call Folger's Gymnastics at 733-7525 for more information and to register.

Rec summer ball leagues
Registration deadline has passed, but some spots are open. First-come, first-serve basis.

Baton twirling
Andover Dance Magic is offering two baton twirling classes in June: ages 5 through 7 and ages 8 through 12.

Classes are from June 2-23. Fee is \$45 and includes a baton. Please call Miss Tammy at (316) 617-2445 for more information and to register.

Horseback riding at Singletree Stables
New session at 10 a.m. May 15. Parents are welcome to watch.

Bel Aire Senior Club

Activities are held at 4551 N. Auburn unless otherwise noted. Those 55-plus are welcome to participate. For information on programs and services for seniors, contact Vicki Shepard, Tri-City Senior Director, at 744-1199. The club is self-governed and activities benefit all participating seniors.

- Monday through Friday, 8 to 9 a.m., walking at Bel Aire Rec Center.
- Mondays 10 a.m., free computer class at Park City Senior Center.
- Wednesdays 2:30 p.m., free line dancing lessons, Park City Senior Center.
- Thursday 9 to 11:30 a.m. (except second Thursday of month), Wii open play, Park City Senior Center.

AARP sponsored tax assistance is available at the Park City Senior Center through April 15. Call Vicki at 744-1199 to make an appointment.

Toenail care by Brenda, second Wednesday each month. \$25 at the center or \$35 at your home. Call Brenda 946-0722 for an appointment.

May 4, 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast out, Auntie C's.
May 10, 10 a.m.	Board meeting.
11:30 a.m.	Lunch out, Louie's, 9747 E. 21st North.
May 18, noon	Medicare and Social Security information at Park City Senior Center.
May 19, 10 a.m.	Men's coffee at Braum's.
2 p.m.	Ladies' coffee/tea, Jimmie's Diner.
May 26, 6 p.m.	Cook out/meeting. Hosts: Joe & Ida Lara, Alvin & Marlene Eaton.
May 27, 9:30 a.m.	Historic Wichita Trolley Tour. Limited seating, \$10 per person. Reservations and money by May 14. Call Vicki at 744-1199 to make a reservation.

For services & resources for seniors, call Vicki Shepard, Tri-City Senior Director, 744-1199.

Bel Aire Senior Center

All events are held at the Bel Aire Senior Center, 7651 E. Central Park Ave., unless otherwise noted and are for ALL SENIORS living in or near Bel Aire.

The center has library books to check out, places to study or do research and computers for use. Phone 744-2451, extension 121. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. (Excluding holidays, special events or senior-related meetings)

For more information about the center and its activities, contact Rick Eberhard, Senior Director, at either 744-2451, extension 121, or reberhard@belaireks.gov.

BEL AIRE SENIOR LIBRARY IS OPEN TO ALL BEL AIRE RESIDENTS
8 AM to 5 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

Any senior can belong to or attend more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County

Sr. Walking	Every weekday, 8 to 9 a.m., Bel Aire Rec Center
Yoga	Every Monday, 6:10 p.m., Bel Aire Rec Center
Bridge	Every Tuesday, 1 p.m.
Aerobics	Every Wednesday, 10 a.m.
Sr. Breakfast	Every Friday, 9 a.m. at Braum's, 3641 N. Rock Road, with Kechi Over 55 Club (except second Friday of the month)
Wii time	By request or when the senior center is available.

May 1, 3 p.m.	Senior Red Hats' Kentucky Derby party, Country Park Clubhouse.
May 3, 6 p.m.	Senior covered dish dinner. Bring a food dish to share (drinks are provided) Celebrate Cinco de Mayo & Older Americans' Month with Mariachi music.
May 5, 6:30 p.m.	Senior Center advisory board.
May 7	Wichita River Festival starts.
May 9	Mother's Day. Celebrate with family and friends.
May 10, 7 p.m.	Central Park HOA meeting.
May 12, noon	Lions Club lunch and meeting.
May 12, 6:30 p.m.	River Festival Senior Gala 2010 at Botanica, the Wichita Gardens, 701 Amidon. Dance to the music of Cool Blue. Free admission with River Festival button. For seniors 55 years old and older.

May 13, 10 a.m.	Senior arts & crafts day.
May 14, 9 a.m.	Breakfast and Learn. Speaker from Life Care Center of Andover.
May 14, 7 p.m.	Senior Fun Night (board/card games). Bring snacks to share.
May 15	Wichita River Festival ends with fireworks display. Call center director at 744-2451, ext. 121, to attend.
May 16	Single seniors dine out. Call 558-2820 for location.
May 26, noon	Lions Club lunch and meeting.
May 26, 7 p.m.	Senior Bunko game night.
May 28, 7 p.m.	Senior pitch (10 point) game night. Bring snacks to share.
May 29	Senior Day Trip and dinner with friends. Meet at 2 p.m. in Senior Center parking lot to car pool to Yoder for dinner at Carriage Crossing. RSVP to 744-2451, ext. 121.

The Bel Aire Lions Club is collecting eye glasses no longer being used. Drop them off in the Senior Center or water office at city hall.

Sign up for a senior cruises in 2010 offered by the Bel Aire Senior Center. Package includes airfare from the Kansas City airport):

Dec. 4 — Norwegian Cruise Line Hawaiian Cruise (10 days, 9 nights)
For reservations, price sheet and specific cruise information, contact Rick Eberhard, Senior Coordinator, at either 744-2451, extension 121, or reberhard@belaireks.gov. (*passports will be required.*)

Contact Rick Eberhard, Senior Coordinator of the Bel Aire Senior Center, at either 744-2451, extension 121, or e-mail reberhard@belaireks.gov to receive the Bel Aire Senior Center news, information, special events and upcoming trips electronically or via the U.S. mail.

BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

April 13 — Officer Steele reported that Derby Police Department arrested James Mares in the 1200 block of Meadowhaven in Derby. Detective Pentecost transported Mares to the Sedgwick County Jail.

April 13 — Officer Brandewiede assisted EMS in the 4800 block of North Hillcrest.

April 13 — Detective Pentecost responded to a disturbance in the 5100 block of East 46th North.

April 13 — Officer Hazelwood responded to vandalism in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor.

April 13 — Officer Hazelwood responded to an audible alarm in the 6300 block of East Crestmark.

April 12 — Officer Brandewiede took a lost property report in the 4000 block of North Clarendon.

April 12 — Officer Brandewiede responded to a motor vehicle accident at 45th North and Woodlawn.

April 12 — Officer Hutton responded to a motor vehicle accident at Perryton and Woodlawn.

April 12 — Officer Foxx responded to an alarm in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn.

April 11 — Officer Steele received found property in the 4100 block of North Woodlawn.

April 11 — Officer Toomey responded to an alarm in the 4200 block of North Westlake.

April 11 — Officer Foxx responded to a noise complaint in the 4700 block of North Oliver.

April 11 — Officer Foxx arrested Darren Rose on a Wichita warrant in the 4700 block of North Oliver.

April 11 — Officer Toomey responded to an alarm in the 4200 block of Westlake.

April 11 — Officer Toomey responded to a noise complaint in the 4600 block of North Oliver.

April 11 — Officer Hutton assisted Wichita Police Department in the 3000 block of North Rock Road.

April 11 — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm in the 4200 block of North Westlake.

April 11 — Officer Foxx responded to a noise complaint in the 4700 block of North Oliver.

April 11 — Officer Foxx assisted Kechi Police Department in the 4000 block of North Oliver.

April 11 — Officer Brandewiede assisted a motorist in the 5800 block of East 37th North.

April 10 — Officer Steele responded to a non-injury accident in the 5200 block of East 48th North.

April 10 — Officer Foxx stopped a vehicle in the 5800 block of East 45th North for a traffic violation.

April 10 — Officer Foxx arrested Daphne Core on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 4700 block of East 45th North.

April 10 — Officer Steele responded to an audible alarm in the 7800 block of Turquoise.

April 10 — Officer Steele responded to an accident in the 5200 block of East 48th North.

April 10 — Officer Hutton assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 300 block of East Central in Greenwich.

April 10 — Officer Hutton found a juvenile in the 4700 block of North Webb Road.

April 10 — Officer Hutton responded to a vicious dog in the 4900 block of Ashton.

April 9 — Officer Steele responded to a medical situation in the 6200 block of East Woodlow Drive.

April 9 — Officer McGuire responded to a larceny in the 6500 block of East 45th North.

April 9 — Detective Pentecost arrested Dejuan Scott in the 5300 block of East 37th North on a Wichita Police Department warrant and a Sedgwick County warrant.

April 9 — Officer Hutton responded to alarm in the 2200 block of North St. James Court.

April 9 — Officer Hazelwood responded to vandalism in the 4400 block of North Gunnison.

April 9 — Officers Hazelwood and Foxx checked on a suspicious vehicle in the 6200 block of East 37th North.

April 9 — Officers Hazelwood and Foxx checked on a suspicious person in the 6100 block of Quail Ridge.

April 9 — Officer McGuire responded to a larceny in the 6500 block of East 45th North.

April 9 — Officer McGuire responded to a disturbance in the 4400 block of North Janesville.

April 9 — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm in the 4200 block of St. James.

April 9 — Officer Hutton responded to vandalism at 45th North and Oliver.

April 9 — Officer Hutton responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 4300 block of Country Lane.

April 9 — Officer Hutton responded to vandalism in the 4400 block of North Gunnison.

April 9 — Detective Pentecost checked on a motorist in the 5300 block of East 37th North.

April 9 — Officer Steele assisted EMS in the 6200 block of East Woodlow.

April 8 — Officer McGuire arrested Jermaine Jackson in the 6000 block of East 53rd North on a charge of driving with a revoked

license.

April 8 — Officer Foxx assisted EMS in the 4700 block of North Farmstead.

April 8 — Officer McGuire responded to an animal complaint at 53rd North and Rock Road.

April 8 — Officer McGuire responded to an animal complaint in the 6000 block of East Perryton.

April 8 — Officers Foxx and Hazelwood assisted EMS in the 4700 block of North Farmstead.

April 8 — Detective Pentecost assisted Wichita Police Department at K-96 and Woodlawn.

April 7 — Detective Pentecost responded to vandalism in the 6700 block of East 44th North.

April 7 — Officer McGuire checked on a suspicious person in the 9700 block of 85th North.

April 7 — Detective Pentecost responded to vandalism at Brook-houser Park.

April 6 — Officer Foxx assist EMS in the 6200 block of Woodlow.

April 6 — Officer Hazelwood responded to a disturbance in the 4000 block of North Auburn.

April 6 — Officer Hazelwood arrested Ashley Aylward on a charge of DUI in the 4500 block of North Rushwood.

April 6 — Officer McGuire checked the welfare at East 21st North and North 143rd East

April 6 — Sgt. Spencer and Officer Mavia assisted a motorist in the 6500 block of East 45th North.

April 6 — Officers Mavia and Hazelwood responded to a disturbance in the 4000 block of North Auburn.

April 5 — Officer Brandewiede responded to an occupational accident at the station.

April 5 — Officer Brandewiede assisted a motorist in the 6300 block of East 48th North.

April 5 — Officer Foxx responded to a traffic hazard in the 4700 block of North Farmstead.

April 5 — Officer Foxx assisted EMS in the 6200 block of Woodlow.

April 4 — Officer Brandewiede assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department in the 6600 block of East Summerside Place.

April 4 — Officer Steele assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department in the 3800 block of North Oliver.

April 4 — Officer Steele provided a civil stand-by in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn.

April 4 — Officer Foxx reported that the Kingman Police Department arrested Darcy L. Mills on a Bel Aire warrant.

April 4 — Officer Foxx assisted EMS in the 4800 block of North Ashton.

April 4 — Officer Foxx responded to an alarm in the 5900 block of East Memphis.

April 4 — Officer Toomey arrested Taren Patterson in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

April 4 — Officer Hutton responded to a traffic hazard at 45th North and Woodlawn.

April 4 — Officer Hutton responded to a hold-up alarm in the 3700 block of North Woodlawn.

April 4 — Officer Foxx checked on a suspicious vehicle in the 6000 block of East 37th North.

April 4 — Officer Swanson assisted a motorist at 37th North and Rock Road.

April 3 — Detective Pentecost checked on a suspicious person in the 4200 block of North Westlake.

April 3 — Detective Pentecost responded to an alarm in the 6300 block of East Crestmark.

April 3 — Officer McCaslin assisted Valley Center Police Department in the 100 block of North Colby.

April 3 — Officer Foxx arrested Taren Patterson in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

April 3 — Officer McCaslin assisted EMS at 21st North and Woodlawn.

April 3 — Officers McCaslin and Hutton responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 4300 block of North Rushwood.

April 3 — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm in the 6300 block of Crestmark.

April 3 — Officer Brandewiede assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department in the 6600 block of Summerside.

April 3 — Officer Steele assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office at 45th North and Westlake.

April 2 — Officer Steele assisted EMS in the 4800 block of East Willow Point Court.

April 2 — Officer McGuire re-

sponded to vandalism in the 4100 block of North Oliver.

April 2 — Officer McGuire arrested William Hubbard in the 4100 block of North Oliver on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

April 2 — Officer Mavia responded to a disturbance in the 4500 block of North Glendale.

April 2 — Officer Foxx assisted a citizen at 45th North and Woodlawn.

April 2 — Officer Steele assisted EMS in the 4800 block of Willow-point.

April 2 — Officer McGuire checked on a suspicious person in the 4200 block of North Oliver.

April 2 — Officer McGuire responded to a disturbance in the 4500 block of Glendale.

April 2 — Officers Mavia and Hutton checked for a suspicious person in the 4100 block of North Oliver.

April 2 — Officers Mavia and Hutton responded to a disturbance in the 4500 block of Glendale.

April 1 — Officer Foxx responded to an alarm in the 6200 block of East 37th North.

April 1 — Officer Hazelwood arrested Timothy Lawrence in the 6300 block of East 37th North on a charge of disorderly conduct.

April 1 — Sgt. Griggs assisted Wichita Police Department in the 6300 block of East 37th North.

April 1 — Officer Foxx assisted Wichita Police Department in the 7800 block of East Oakmount.

April 1 — Officers McCaslin and McGuire checked the welfare at 53rd North and Woodlawn.

April 1 — Officer Hazelwood assisted Wichita Police Department at 21st North and Woodlawn.

April 1 — Officers Hazelwood and Foxx responded to a burglary in-progress in the 7800 block of East Oakmount.

April 1 — Officer Foxx responded to an audible alarm in the 6200 block of East 37th North.

April 1 — Officer Swanson checked the welfare at 45th North and Woodlawn.

April 1 — Sgt. Spencer assisted a motorist in the 5100 block of East 37th North.

March 31 — Detective Pentecost responded to a larceny in the 7200 block of East 45th North.

March 31 — Officer McGuire arrested Carlisle Covey in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn on charges of driving with a suspended license and possession of drugs.

March 31 — Officer Swanson arrested Joshua Fletchall on a charge of falsely reporting an offense.

March 31 — Officer McGuire received found property in the 4500 block of North Auburn.

March 31 — Sgt. Griggs assisted EMS in the 4200 block of North Edgemoor.

March 31 — Detective Pentecost assisted Wichita Police Department at Perryton and Woodlawn.

March 31 — Officer McGuire received found property in the 5800 block of Memphis.

March 31 — Officer McGuire assisted Kechi Police Department in the 1300 block of East Kechi Road.

March 31 — Officer McCaslin assisted a motorist in the 6300 block of East 45th North.

March 30 — Officer Hutton responded to a burglary in the 6000 block of East Flagstaff.

March 30 — Officer Hutton received found property in the 4100 block of North Auburn.

March 30 — Officers Swanson and Hutton assisted Wichita Police Department with an alarm in the 3400 block of Rock Road.

March 30 — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm in the 7900 block of North 47th North.

March 30 — Officer Hutton checked on a suspicious vehicle in the 8700 block of East 53rd North.

March 30 — Officer Hutton checked a residence in the 4100 block of Auburn.

March 29 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 4100 block of North Parkwood.

March 29 — Officer Swanson responded to a larceny in the 4100 block of North Farmstead.

March 29 — Officer Toomey responded to an animal complaint in the 4800 block of East 44th North.

March 29 — Officer Foxx responded to an animal complaint in

the 4900 block of North Highland.

March 29 — Officer Brandewiede responded to a runaway report in the 6100 block of Quail Ridge.

March 29 — Officer Swanson took a lost property report in the 4200 block of North Mission.

March 29 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 4100 block of Parkwood.

March 29 — Officer Hutton responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 4100 block of North Battin.

March 28 — Officer Steele responded to an accident at 37th North and Oliver.

March 28 — Officer Swanson responded to animal complaint in the 4500 block of North Eagle Lake Drive.

March 28 — Officer Foxx received found property in the 4300 block of North Janesville.

March 28 — Officer Foxx assisted Wichita Police Department in the 3500 block of North Woodlawn.

March 28 — Officer Toomey assisted Wichita Police Department in the 3300 block of North Woodlawn.

March 28 — Officer Swanson responded to a dog complaint in the 4500 block of Eagle Lake.

March 28 — Officer Steele responded to a motor vehicle accident at 37th North and Oliver.

March 28 — Officer Foxx responded to a larceny at Brookview and Woodlawn.

March 27 — Officer Hutton took a lost property report at 4251 Janesville.

March 27 — Officers McGuire and Hutton responded to a larceny in the 4400 block of North Gunnison.

March 27 — Officer Foxx assisted Wichita Police Department in the 3100 block of North Penstemon.

March 27 — Officer McCaslin assisted a motorist in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn.

March 27 — Officer Hutton received found property in the 6200 block of Danbury.

March 26 — Sgt. Spencer responded to a larceny in the 4400 block of Gunnison.

March 26 — Sgt. Spencer responded to a dog complaint in the 4500 block of Eagle Lake.

March 26 — Sgt. Spencer responded to a theft in the 5200 block of Rock Road.

March 26 — Officer Hazelwood assisted a citizen at Shepherd's Gate and Woodlawn.

March 26 — Officer Foxx checked on a suspicious vehicle in the 3500 block of North Woodlawn.

March 25 — Officer McGuire responded to a weapons call in the 10000 block of East 45th North.

March 25 — Sgt. Spencer assisted EMS in the 6000 block of East 47th North.

March 25 — Officers Foxx and Hazelwood assisted EMS in the 4800 block of North Hedgerow Court.

March 25 — Sgt. Spencer assisted EMS in the 6000 block of East 47th North.

March 24 — Officer Hazelwood checked on a suspicious person in the 5900 block of East 47th North.

March 24 — Officer Brandewiede checked on an abandoned vehicle at 45th North and Woodlawn.

March 24 — Officer McGuire checked for a suspicious person in the 4000 block of North Oliver.

March 24 — Officer McGuire checked the welfare in the 4200 block of North Westlake.

March 24 — Officer McGuire responded to a traffic hazard at 45th North and Woodlawn.

March 24 — Sgt. Spencer checked the welfare in the 4200 block of Westlake.

March 24 — Officer Foxx assisted EMS in the 4800 block of Hedgerow Court.

March 23 — Officer Steele responded to a report of stolen property in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn.

March 23 — Officer Steele assisted Wichita Police Department in the 5100 block of North Remington.

March 23 — Officer Swanson

responded to a larceny in the 4200 block of Westlake.

March 23 — Officer Swanson responded to an alarm in the 4800 block of North Farmstead.

March 23 — Officer Hutton assisted Wichita Police Department in the 1900 block of North Rock Road.

March 23 — Officer Steele received found property in the 3900 block of Woodlawn.

March 23 — Sgt. Spencer responded to an alarm in the 4800 block of Farmstead.

March 23 — Officer Hutton assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office at 53rd North and Greenwich.

March 22 — Officer Steele assisted EMS in the 4600 block of North Farmstead Court.

March 22 — Officer Swanson assisted EMS in the 6000 block of East Clarendon.

March 22 — Officer Brandewiede assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department in the 4400 block of Westlake.

March 22 — Officer Swanson checked the welfare at 37th North and Greenwich

March 21 — Officer Swanson responded to a property case in the 6800 block of North Rodeo.

March 20 — Officer Steele responded to an alarm in the 6500 block of East Shepherd Crossing.

March 20 — Officer Steele responded to a disturbance in the 5900 block of East 47th North.

March 20 — Officer McGuire reported that Wichita Police Department arrested Kimberly Sepinski on a Bel Aire warrant.

March 20 — Officer Hutton assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department in the 6800 block of East 45th North.

March 20 — Officer Foxx assisted Kechi Police Department in the 7700 block of East Oak Tree.

March 20 — Officer Foxx checked for a suspicious person in the 7500 block of East Oak Tree.

March 20 — Officer Steele checked for an abandoned vehicle in the 6100 block of North Rock Road.

March 20 — Officer Steele responded to an audible alarm in the 4800 block of North Battin.

March 20 — Officer Hazelwood assisted a motorist in the 5300 block of 53rd North.

March 20 — Officer Hazelwood checked on a suspicious person in the 4500 block of North St. James.

March 20 — Officer Hazelwood checked on a suspicious person in the 7500 block of Oak Tree.

March 20 — Officer Foxx checked on a suspicious person in the 4500 block of St. James.

March 20 — Officer Foxx responded to a non-injury accident in the 7700 block of Oak Tree.

March 20 — Officer Foxx checked on a suspicious person in the 7500 block of Oak Tree.

March 20 — Officer Hutton assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department in the 6800 block of East 45th North.

March 19 — Officer McGuire arrested Richard Petty at City Hall on a Bel Aire warrant.

March 19 — Sgt. Spencer and Officer McGuire responded to an accident in the 4500 block of

Dundee.

March 19 — Officers Foxx and Hazelwood responded to an alarm in the 6000 block of East Danbury.

March 19 — Officer Hutton assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 4000 block of North Danbury.

March 19 — Sgt. Spencer, Officer McGuire and Detective Pentecost responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 4200 block of Rushwood.

March 18 — Officer Swanson assisted EMS in the 3900 block of North Oliver.

March 18 — Officer Foxx arrested John Chapman in the 4200 block of North Oliver on a charge of DUI.

March 18 — Officer Swanson checked the welfare at Farmstead and 45th North.

March 18 — Sgt. Spencer assisted Kechi Police Department at 63rd North and Woodlawn.

March 18 — Officer McCaslin assisted Kechi Police Department in the 6900 block of North Woodlawn.

March 18 — Officer McGuire responded to the 8000 block of East 45th North on a found property case.

March 17 — Officer Brandewiede arrested David Pounds in the 4800 block of East 44th North on a charge of DUI. Officer also arrested Tammy McClellan on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and transporting an open container.

March 17 — Sgt. Spencer responded to an alarm in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn Court.

March 17 — Officer McCaslin assisted EMS in the 3300 block of North Rock Road.

March 17 — Officer Hazelwood checked on suspicious people in the 4200 block of North Westlake.

March 17 — Officer McGuire assisted Kansas Highway Patrol in the 7900 block of East Highway K-254.

March 17 — Officer McGuire checked on a suspicious person in the 4100 block of North Clarendon.

March 17 — Officers McGuire, Mavia and Hazelwood assisted Kansas Highway Patrol at K-254 and Rock Road.

March 17 — Officers McGuire, Hazelwood and Mavia checked on a suspicious person in the 4100 block of North Clarendon.

March 17 — Sgt. Spencer responded to an audible alarm in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn.

March 17 — Officer Hazelwood checked on a suspicious person in the 4200 block of North Westlake.

March 17 — Officer McCaslin assisted EMS in the 3300 block of North Rock Road.

March 16 — Officers Swanson and Brandewiede checked the welfare in the 4200 block of St. James.

March 16 — Officer McCaslin assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 4000 block of North Oliver.

March 15 — Officer Foxx assisted EMS in the 4700 block of East 37th North.

March 15 — Officer Swanson assisted a citizen at the station.

March 15 — Officer Toomey assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office with an injury accident at I-135 and K-96.

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Fees

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Kechi and Valley Center have paid the fees without protest. Kechi Mayor Robert Jackson said the city’s attorney, Norman Manley, said he didn’t see anything illegal with the county charging the fees.

Land

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Certificate of Participation, Lasher said. Smith disagreed with the council’s approval of the refinancing resolution. His concern was essentially that Bel Aire has no option to back out of the payments, regardless of whether land is sold. “I am concerned with the resolution saying that with this refinane, we would lose our right to not allocate funds for the next year’s land payment,” Smith said at the March 25 meeting. “I would reconsider my objection if the city had a viable business plan, approved by the city council, that shows the ability of the city to make the payments even in years with little or no land sales.”

Golf

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Kansas State University football and basketball coaches Bill Snyder and Frank Martin. “I grew up with a golf club in my hand,” Elliott said. He said working for a golf course, was “just something (he) was always going to do.” Rod Nuckolls described Willowbend as “a very friendly place to get involved with the golf game.” Although the course is private, Elliott and Nuckolls emphasized that Willowbend is not a country club. “We don’t have the expense

Jackson also said that Kechi didn’t spend nearly as much on the fees as Bel Aire or Park City. Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher says that for now, Bel Aire will continue not paying the fees. He said Bel Aire is in step with Wichita, which is considering appealing the March 25 decision. “Wichita feels very

The PBC met in April to make a final decision on the council’s March 25 vote. The commission voted 2-1 to accept the council’s vote, with Smith in opposition. Before the council took the next step at the April 6 meeting, Smith addressed the issue. He said he still disagreed with the council’s decision, but didn’t elaborate much on the discussions from March 25. Smith said that when a council passes a resolution, the mayor has two weeks to either sign the resolution or veto it. If the mayor does neither, the resolution becomes effective without his signature. Smith said he’s decided not to submit a signature, supporting the council, while making it known he’s not sold on their decision. “I have been around long

strongly that they have a case,” Lasher said. He said that Bel Aire attorney Lee Parker has been working with Wichita attorneys who continue to feel that the fees amount to double taxation. Lasher said he wasn’t sure how far the case would go if Bel Aire enters the appeals process. Haysville’s director of government services, Carol Nugent, said she’s not sure what Haysville’s next step will be. She said the March 25 ruling dealt with multiple issues regarding jail fees, which the city will have to “take a step back and look at.” Lasher said if the courts stay in favor of the county through the appeals process, The council voted 4-0 to request that the PBC use financial consultants Piper Jaffrey to issue bonds. The council in April approved the sale of the bonds at an interest rate of about 6 percent. The land debt issue isn’t likely to go away anytime soon for Bel Aire, but Smith touched on the importance of taking action. “This will probably be our last run at selling all the land and paying all the debt,” he said. “I am sure that this council, this staff and myself will work together on this and give it our best shot to make it happen.” At the April 20 council meeting, Smith said the issuing of the bonds is a temporary fix, which allows the city to concentrate more on development and less on debt.

well as an individual. Elliott said the monthly fees are cheaper for avid golfers than paying the green fee at most public courses three times per week. “The math works out pretty well,” he said. Elliott said the membership at Willowbend took a hit with the economy, but remains strong with more than 400 members. Members come from all over the Wichita area. To reach golfing neighbors in Bel Aire, Elliott passed along a letter to City Manager Ty Lasher, welcoming visitors to the club and outlining some of its features and advantages to members.

In addition to Willowbend’s proximity to Bel Aire, Elliott has ties with community through Lasher. For a time when Elliot was at Cherry Oaks, Lasher was Cheney’s city administrator. At Cherry Oaks, Lasher said the city took ownership of the course when it expanded from nine to 18 holes, and hired Elliott to run the facility. Lasher said he had a positive working relationship with Elliott in Cheney. “He did a terrific job in Cheney,” Lasher said. “When I heard he was taking over as general manager, I thought Willowbend was fortunate he agreed to take it on.”

another issue would be trying to figure out a fair amount for the fees. Lasher said the Bel Aire City Council budgets money for the jail fees every year, so if the final verdict stays in the county’s favor, the city will be able to pay what it owes. As of Jan. 5, Bel Aire owed \$95,656, Wichita owed about \$7 million and Haysville owed \$145,419. In early April, Lasher said Bel Aire owed about \$150,000 with Wichita’s balance up to about \$9 million.

Lasher said he understands that the county jail is overcrowded, but said he didn’t want the city budget to determine whether or not an arrest should be made. “We still believe that a court decision needs to be finally made,” Lasher said. “We truly believe that our citizens are (also) county citizens.” At the April 21 city council meeting, Bel Aire approved an appropriations ordinance, leaving out \$2,388.67 for March jail fees. ert and Kathy Thornton of Shell Knob, Mo.; daughter and son-in-law Jeanice and Dennis Lewis of Augusta; grandchildren and spouses Todd and Jennifer Thornton of Little Rock, Ark.; Toby Bybee of Wichita; Tony Lewis of Augusta; Mike and Priscilla Lewis of Augusta; and Robby Bybee of Canon City, Colo.; great grandchildren Andy Bybee and Alexandria Bybee, Parker Thornton, Reece Thornton and Caleb Richey; brother Merle Snider of Augusta; sister Jeannie Thompson of Ogallah, Neb.; and sister-in-law Maxine Snider of Chandler, Ariz. Memorials to the First Southern Baptist Church.

DEATH

LOUISE BYBEE N. Louis Bybee, 76, of Bel Aire, died April 9, 2010. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. April 14, with service at 2 p.m. April 15, all at Headley Funeral Chapel, Augusta. Burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery, Augusta. She was born July 9, 1933, in Augusta to the late George Carruthers and Alice Lema (Sheppard) Snider. She worked as an executive secretary for Tommy Vickers. She was preceded in death by a son Bo Bybee, grandson Christopher Alan Lewis, and brothers Hubert, Duane and Leonard Snider. Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law Rob-

PEOPLE HIGHLIGHT

George Swartzendruber of Sunrise Christian Academy in Bel Aire was honored recently at Wichita State University’s annual Presidential Scholars Day. The top 10 percent of juniors from high schools across the state and other academically talented students were selected for this designation based on their scholastic achievements. While on campus, students had the opportunity to hear about some of WSU’s pre-

mier programs, including the Distinguished Scholarship Invitational, National Student Exchange and the Emory Lindquist Honors Program. During the recognition ceremony, WSU President Don Beggs offered his congratulations. Each student was presented with a certificate and a special gift on behalf of the university. In addition, if attending students meet appropriate deadlines, they will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to attend WSU.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church Sunday services include worship at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m., with Sunday school for both children and adults at 9:30. The church is located at 5356 N. Hillside, across from Heights High School, at 53rd North and Hillside. Find the church online at www.christ-lutheran.org; e-mail office@clc.kscoxmail.com. Call the church office at 744-1242 for more information.

Church of the Resurrection Church of the Resurrection (Roman Catholic) is located at 4910 N. Woodlawn in Bel Aire. Masses for the Lord’s Day are Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; also at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade. The parish/school Web site is www.resurrectionwichita.com. Phone number is 744-2776. Rev. Sherman A. Orr is the pastor.

Community Bible Chapel The church is located at 4551 Auburn, south of 45th North between Oliver and Woodlawn, in Bel Aire. On Sunday at 9 a.m. is worship service and breaking of the bread, with Bible study

and Sunday school at 10:30. Wednesday evening, prayer and Bible study is at 7 p.m. For more information, call Melvan Adair at 744-7091. **Crossroads Friends Church** Crossroads Friends Church meets at Stucky Middle School (east from 45th North and Hillside) at 10 a.m. every Sunday, with its Worship Experience in the school cafeteria starting at 10:30. Every Sunday at Crossroads includes a Moonwalk for kids, Crossroads Cafe and Coffee bar, relevant and engaging messages, cutting-edge music with a live band and a dynamic Crossroads Kids program. Lead pastor is David Norman and associate pastor is Jeff Mullen. Call the church office at 361-0407 or visit it online at www.crossroadswichita.com.

Fairmount United Church of Christ The church is located at 1605 Fairmount in Wichita. Adult and children’s Sunday school classes begin at 9:15 a.m. with worship service at 10:30. Michael Poage is the pastor. For more information, please call 682-1597 or visit at www.fairmountucc.com.

Kechi United Methodist Church Located at 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi, the Rev. Guy E. Rendoff is the pastor. Church phone number is 744-1221. Sunday worship services are at 9:03 and 11 a.m., with Sunday school at 10. Yoga meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Kechi City Hall. The church’s phone number is 744-1221. It is still collecting 18-ounce jars of peanut butter, diapers and tuna fish for the United Methodist Open Door. **Park City Christian Church** Sunday worship service is at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10. The church is located at 2230 E. 61st North. Call 744-0493 or 744-0133. The church accepts food donations for Union Rescue Mission. **Park City Church of the Nazarene** Sunday school for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. Worship and children’s church are at 10:45.

The church is located at 2100 E. 61st North in Park City. Wednesday Bible study for adults begins with sandwiches and chips at 6:15 p.m. **Pine Valley Christian Church** Located at 5620 E. 21st North. Sunday school at 9 a.m. with worship at 10:15. For more information call 685-2421.

University United Methodist Church Located across from the WSU campus at 21st & Yale. Sunday activities include adult and youth educational classes at 9:15 a.m. traditional service at 10:30 and youth group activities from 4 to 6 p.m.

E-mail uumc2220@uumc.net; phone 686-6765. Rev. Phil Shull is the pastor. *Send your church’s upcoming events and service times to legals@arkvalleynews.com or call 755-0821.*

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Educator working past retirement

MacDonald honored for commitment to public health

By Matt Heilman

For three decades, Bel Aire resident Pat MacDonald worked in a public relations role as a spokeswoman for the Sedgwick County Health Department. Her strong communication skills put MacDonald in the forefront of educating the public about a variety of health topics, perhaps most notably the AIDS virus and health concerns with smoking. Her career at the health department began in 1973 and concluded with her retirement in 2003. In retirement, MacDonald has stayed involved as a health and anti-smoking advocate.

“I’ve kept active,” MacDonald said. “I’ve been active as a consultant with smoking, I was active with the Kansas Health Foundation and did other kinds of education for them, and then I did all those other retirement things like travel on cruise ships and all that kind of stuff.”

In 2005, MacDonald led the Tobacco Free Wichita Coalition effort towards passage of the Bel Aire clean indoor air ordinance. The ordinance, which MacDonald said was unanimously passed by the Bel Aire City Council, was the first comprehensive indoor air ordinance in Sedgwick County.

In recognition for her career with the health department and continued work in retirement, MacDonald received the first Doren Fredrickson Commitment to Public Health Award on April 7.

The award, presented by Sedgwick County, is in memory of Dr. Doren Fredrickson, who MacDonald worked with closely in her latter years at the health department. Beyond continued contributions to public health, MacDonald is in-



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Bel Aire’s Pat MacDonald holds the Doren Fredrickson Commitment to Public Health Award she was given on April 7. MacDonald served as the spokeswoman for the Sedgwick County Health Department for 30 years. In retirement, she continued public health education as an advocate of non-smoking.

volved with the Bel Aire Lion’s Club and serves as the secretary on the board of the Bel Aire Senior Center. Jackie O’Neal works with MacDonald as the president of the senior board. She also is a close friend and neighbor of MacDonald. “She’s busier now than when she was working,” O’Neal said. MacDonald’s role as Sedgwick County Health Department spokeswoman began when she worked with Dr. Mervyn Silverman soon after moving to Bel Aire in the early 1970s. “(Silverman) was a media pro, and I just watched him,” MacDonald said. “And then, when he was busy one time, the media wanted to do an

interview on why you should get a flu shot.” Silverman asked MacDonald to handle the interview. “I did the one interview, and then it went on from there,” she said. Her public relations skills weren’t picked up in a classroom. MacDonald received her master’s degree in chemistry from Immaculata College near Philadelphia. In Wichita, she gained a reputation as a skilled professional working with the media. “...I was on panels on how to deal with the media because I was doing so well at it,” she said. “And I finally said, ‘ya know, I oughta get some credentials in media, so I went

to (Wichita State University) and got a masters degree in communication.” MacDonald earned her second masters degree in 1979; about the time the anti-smoking movement was gaining momentum. MacDonald takes pride in her accomplishments towards improving public health, but admits she didn’t used to practice what she preaches today on the topic of smoking. “Like all advocates, I’ll tell you right up front, I used to be a smoker,” MacDonald said. After kicking the habit, she said she became a smoking-cessation teacher. Although she never became a doctor or a nurse, MacDonald said she was able to effectively

communicate health risks of smoking. She also had “street cred” as a former smoker. “Having been a smoker, I could talk with some experience on the difficulties of quitting smoking,” MacDonald said. “So, that worked out.” MacDonald also helped Wichita pass its first smoking ordinance in 1980. In late February, the Kansas House of Representatives passed a statewide smoking ban, which sought to outlaw smoking in most public facilities in Kansas. Gov. Mark Parkinson signed the ban into law, which goes into effect July 1. “We in the anti-smoking movement recognized that it was not going to happen voluntarily, she said. “This is a key point. ... It would have to have ordinances and rules and laws behind it to make society change.” MacDonald, a Philadelphia native, said she didn’t anticipate being a health advocate in Kansas before moving to Bel Aire in 1972. Before serving in the Peace Corps with her husband, Guy MacDonald, in the late 1960s, MacDonald said she had never been west of Harrisburg, Pa. In the Peace Corps, the MacDonalds traveled the world and were stationed in Nepal for two years. “It was wonderful,” MacDonald said. “I was so parochial. I had never been west of Harrisburgh. I was so much into my little world in Philadelphia. It was a real eye-opening experience.” Following the Peace Corps travels, MacDonald said she and her husband returned to Philadelphia where “it was time to look for a job.” Guy MacDonald found a job as a carpet salesman, and was transferred to Kansas a few months after he was hired. The MacDonalds have lived in the same Bel Aire home for 38 years. “Of course, being the wife, I came with him, and we bought this house in Arthur Heights and we’ve never been sorry,” MacDonald said.

Residents matched with unclaimed property

By Matt Heilman

In a time when saving money is vital, \$200 million is sitting in Topeka, waiting to be claimed. Gerald Spaur got a small slice. The Wichita man found out he was owed \$5, stemming from an electric utility about 40 years ago. Although Spaur’s claim was small, he said, “It was worth looking into.” This unclaimed property belongs to Kansans like Spaur, but the Kansas State Treasury Department serves as “a permanent custodian of the property.”

The property primarily consists of money, but can also include other assets, from old-fashioned comic books to vintage baseball cards. According to the treasury department, unclaimed property is generated when people lose or forget to cash a check, or forget to let their bank know when they move. Unclaimed property includes payroll checks, refunds and overpayments, money orders, bank accounts, stocks and bonds, safety deposit box contents and insurance proceeds. The treasury department has kept a database of unclaimed properties since 1979. The money hasn’t been hidden from its rightful owners by the state, but a stockpile of unclaimed dollars indicates that not many people have been in the loop on how to get their



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Assistant State Treasurer Aaron Otto (left) helps residents search for unclaimed property during a stop at Bravo’s Italiani in Valley Center March 25.

hands on their money. Assistant State Treasurer Aaron Otto said there were 38,000 claims during the last fiscal year, which was an increase of about 20 percent from the previous year. “People were claiming smaller and smaller amounts,” Otto said. “You can clearly tell the economy was making a difference.” He said that people have recently been returning forms from “many years before,” because they need the money now more than they did when they first showed up on the database. With the increased pursuit of unclaimed property, the treasury department is lending a hand to lighten the

properties database accessed on laptops. A slow, but steady stream of money-seekers made their way through Bravo’s. McKinney said turnouts have been “very good” throughout the state. “I’m very proud of our (unclaimed properties) staff,” McKinney said. “They’re passionate about their work. They really believe in their mission. This is not the state’s money; it’s people’s money. It’s our job to get the money back to the people.” He pointed out that on a macro level, the return allows money to be recirculated in the state economy. You don’t have to wait on a chance to personally visit representatives of the treasury department to find out if you have any unclaimed property. You can visit www.kansas-cash.com or call 1-800-432-0386 to search for yourself or

someone you know. Even though unclaimed property can be found and claimed from home, McKinney discussed a couple of advantages to meeting treasury department officials in person. The first advantage he pointed out is that by meeting people directly, the treasury department can more easily verify addresses of rightful owners of unclaimed property.

“The big advantage is that it raises awareness,” McKinney said. “Because, if I tell people, ‘you need to check for unclaimed property,’ they may not believe me. But if their neighbor comes around and says, ‘I got \$223, you should check,’ they’ll usually respond to it.” Otto said the largest claim on record was \$340,000 in 2007. It involved insurance payments.



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